

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/870,621

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Board decision of 3-31-08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer Fisher, speaking for Kevin Daffer on 7-30-08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, replace "A system of software components adapted to display" with -- A system of software components stored on a computer-readable medium adapted to display--

In claim 13, replace "A method for displaying an object created by an application program running under an operating system, using at least one of a system of software components," with -- A method for displaying an object created by an application program running under an operating system, using at least one of a system of software components stored on a computer-readable medium,--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The examiner considered the Decision on Appeal rendered March 31, 2008 and after updated search, no other prior art of record has taught that which was presented in the claims.

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3. Therefore, claims 1-25 are allowable.

4. Independent claims 1, 13, and 25 when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record (WinZip, Java, and Fults). WinZip teaches, on pages 3 and 4 a system of software components adapted to display text running under an operating system, in which selection of the mask password check box displays the text with one or two software components namely masked ("*****") or unmasked ("password"), the selection of which is made at runtime. Java teaches a system of masking passwords similar to that of WinZip using the Swing API and namely the JPasswordField and JTextField (see Java Platform 1.2 Beta 4 API Specification: Class JPasswordField and Class JTextField), but further teaches a system independent display (see IS page 1 paragraphs 1 and 5). WinZip and Java, are further supplemented by Fults who teaches a system which generates the interface based on a selection by the user (see column 3, lines 27-52) similar to that of WinZip and Java, Fults, however, further teaches taking hints from a user and using the hints to direct the interface generation to an appropriate user interface implementation (see column 3, lines 33-51, figure 2, and the abstract). Fults further teaches, in column 20, lines 24-34, that libraries are dynamically loaded into memory when needed by the application. However, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of *selection of a first or second proxy component during runtime, where selection is dependent on a mode of use of the object and where the appearance of the displayed object is substantially independent of the operating system*, as stated by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, in the decision mailed 3-31-2008.

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5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS G. BONSHOCK whose telephone number is (571)272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on (571) 272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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